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EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

MADDESYN DANIELLE
GEORGE, also known as Martha
Ruthless,

Defendant.

NO: 2:20-CR-153-RMP-1

ORDER GRANTING
GOVERNMENT'S UNOPPOSED
MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

BEFORE THE COURT is a motion by the United States for entry of a protective order regarding the disclosure of discovery and sensitive information, ECF No. 15. The United States seeks a protective order on an expedited basis to govern the production of discovery containing sensitive personal identifiers, such as social security numbers, driver's license information, dates of birth, phone numbers, and email addresses, to defense counsel in connection with the United States' discovery obligations. *Id.* at 1–2. The United States further notes that the discovery in this case will include medical records of the putative victim as well as

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1 personal identifying information of potential eye and ear witnesses. *Id.* The
2 United States represents that Defendant Maddesyn George does not oppose the
3 motion. *Id.* at 5. Having reviewed the motion, the record, and relevant law, the
4 Court is fully informed.

5 The standard for entry of a protective order in a criminal matter, generally, is
6 good cause. *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(d)(1) (providing that a “court may, for good
7 cause, deny restrict, or defer discovery or inspection, or grant other appropriate
8 relief”). The Court finds that the potential injury from the dissemination of the
9 sensitive information at issue, combined with the benefit from avoiding redaction
10 of that information, constitutes good cause to enter the proposed protective order in
11 an expedited fashion. However, Defendant may move to modify the protective
12 order at a later date. *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(d).

13 Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

14 1. The United States’ Unopposed Motion for Protective Order, **ECF No.**
15 **15**, is **GRANTED**.

16 2. Pursuant to the discovery obligations previously imposed by the
17 Court, the United States is authorized to disclose discovery in its possession and
18 any Protected Information contained therein. As used herein, “Protected
19 Information” means sensitive personal, business, and financial information of
20 defendants and third parties, including for example, social security numbers,
21 driver’s license and identification information, taxpayer identification numbers, tax

1 information and records, salary information, dates of birth, birth places, addresses,
2 phone numbers, e-mail addresses, personal photographs, cooperating witness
3 information, minor witness information, and financial and business account
4 numbers and information.

5 3. Counsel for Defendant (hereinafter “Defense Counsel”) shall not
6 share or provide any discovery items produced by the United States in this case
7 with anyone other than designated Defense Counsel, defense investigators, retained
8 expert witnesses, and support staff. Defense Counsel may permit their respective
9 Defendant to view unredacted discovery items in the presence of Defense Counsel,
10 defense investigators, and support staff. Defense Counsel personally, or through
11 Defense Counsel’s investigators and support staff, may show unredacted discovery
12 items to witnesses in regard to items or events about which a witness may have
13 personal knowledge. Defense Counsel and his investigators and support staff shall
14 not allow Defendant or witnesses to copy Protected Information contained in the
15 discovery.

16 4. The discovery and information therein may be used only in
17 connection with the litigation of this case and for no other purpose. The discovery
18 is now and will forever remain the property of the United States. At the conclusion
19 of the case, Defense Counsel will return the discovery to the United States, will
20 certify that it has been shredded, or, if the materials are still needed, will store it in
21 a secure place and not disclose it to third parties. If the assigned Defense Counsel

1 is relieved or substituted from the case, Defense Counsel will return the discovery
2 to the United States or certify that it has been shredded.

3 5. Defense Counsel shall store the discovery in a secure place and will
4 use reasonable care to ensure that it is not disclosed to third persons contrary to the
5 Protective Order.

6 6. Defense Counsel shall be responsible for advising Defendant,
7 employees, witnesses, and other members of the defense team of the contents of
8 this Protective Order.

9 7. This Protective Order also shall apply to any new Defense Counsel
10 that may later become counsel of record in this case.

11 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Clerk is directed to enter this Order
12 and provide copies to counsel.

13 **DATED** November 19, 2020.

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15 *s/ Rosanna Malouf Peterson*
16 ROSANNA MALOUF PETERSON
17 United States District Judge
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